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27 JAN 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Walt W. Rostow
Chairman, Policy Planning Council
Department of State

SUBJECT : Portugal National Policy Paper

1. Part One of the National Policy Paper on Portugal has been reviewed at various stages by the Central Intelligence Agency. We have no significant disagreements with the intelligence judgments contained in the policy paper.

2. While I endorse those provisions in the paper which have a bearing on US intelligence activities, I have no comment to make on the broader aspects of US policy toward Portugal, these being outside the competence of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Director of Central Intelligence.

(signed) W. F. Raborn

W. F. RABORN
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Portugal National Policy Paper

1. Paragraph 5 recommends action by the Director; a memorandum for his signature is attached (Tab A).

2. The National Policy Paper on Portugal (Tab B) was prepared by the Policy Planning Council of the Department of State. Senior officers from the Directorate of Intelligence and from the Directorate of Plans represented the Agency in an interagency working group formed to contribute to the production of the paper. The Department of State has now requested formal clearance of Part One of the paper, which deals with US policy.

3. The attached draft of the paper has been reviewed within the Agency. This Directorate has no significant disagreements with intelligence judgments contained in the paper, and the Chairman of the Board of National Estimates has stated that no new National Intelligence Estimate is needed on the subject.

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4. One purpose of this paper was to reconcile the conflicting views held in the Bureau of African Affairs and the Bureau of European Affairs in the Department of State concerning policy toward Portugal. That purpose has not been achieved; the paper includes a number of somewhat conflicting objectives (pages 5-7), and it refers several policy issues (page 1) to the Secretary of State for resolution. In effect, the paper introduces no significant changes in US policy toward Portugal. It includes objectives and recommends courses of action intended to strengthen US-Portuguese ties, to increase Portugal's participation in NATO, and to insure continued US use of military facilities in the Azores and on the mainland. At the same time, the paper proposes that the US conduct its policy toward Portugal in such a manner as to bolster US and Western influence in Africa. To that end, it recommends that the US continue to support self-determination for Portugal's African colonies and continue efforts to bring the Portuguese around to the view that they should initiate programs pointed toward self-determination for their overseas provinces.

5. I recommend that you concur in Part One of the paper by signing the attached memorandum and forwarding it to the Chairman, Policy Planning Council, Department of State.

R. J. SMITH
Deputy Director for Intelligence

Attachments

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